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Assistant Director for Operations

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Chief, Foreign Documents Division

FDD Monthly Progress Report -- January 1956

ADMINISTRATION

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1. The total personnel on duty as of 31 January was [REDACTED]

2. Arrangements have been made to have the Division reimbursed for expenses, primarily salaries, of FDD personnel on extended TDY assignments in other Agency offices.

3. [REDACTED] Office of the Administrative Assistant to the DD/I, was given a general briefing on the Division by Chief, FDD. 25X1A

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4. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are on 90-day TDY in Western World and Scientific and Technical branches, respectively.

5. Seven FDD analysts began full-time training in Russian on 3 January; one person had intensive instruction in Rumanian, half-time, 3 - 23 January; three persons completed 6-month courses at NSA, in Vietnamese, Polish, and Russian.

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6. [REDACTED] on 10 January completed six weeks service as [REDACTED] for the North Pacific Fur Seal Conference.

7. A memorandum describing the plan for reorganization of the FDD Publications Section and the reclassification of positions therein was prepared for approval of the Management Staff.

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8. Deputy Chief, FDD, spoke on FDD operations at the Clandestine Services Review Course No. 10 on 24 January.

OPERATIONS

1. The 62nd and 63rd meetings of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications were held 6 and 20 January, respectively, and were concerned with a review of the Western world program. It was agreed that the "Selected Briefs

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From the International Press' would be split into three separate weekly reports as follows: "World Press Briefs on International Communism" (FDD Summary), "Weekly Press Notes on International Conferences and Fairs" (OO-N), and "Foreign Press Reports on International Trade and Shipping" (OO-W). The agenda for the next meeting, scheduled for 3 February, will be the Report and Recommendations to the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications and the Annual Report of the Exploitation subcommittee.

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2. Reference to the CIS Index prevented 38 cases of duplication totalling 1749 pages. Liaison has been effected with the [redacted] representative to expand CIS coverage to include [redacted] transactions.

3. Chief, PLD, attended seven meetings as a consultant to an ad hoc committee concerned with drawing up, on an urgent basis, a program for the development and conservation of language resources of the Agency.

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5. The scheduled FDD summary "Review of Chinese Communist Scientific and Technical Periodicals" (Quarterly) was discontinued with issue No. 5 of January. The periodicity of the scheduled report "Index of Le Monde" was changed from weekly to monthly.

6. Verbal understanding was arrived at with CIA Library to obtain publications, cited in specific requirements, by photo copy or duplicate purchase in those cases where repositories are unwilling to loan.

7. In an attempt to comply closely with several recommendations in the Inspector General's survey report, a plan to encourage a more journalistic style of reporting as applicable to certain PLD products has been promoted throughout the Division. Currently, three scheduled reports in whole or in part have adopted this style.

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8. After two and one half years of repeated inquiry a reply was received [redacted] concerning the availability of Indonesian publications and including a list of titles currently purchasable.

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9. At the request of Medical Division, CI, PLD will disseminate a survey of the Soviet newspaper Meditinskiy Rabotnik (Medical Worker), which was produced in Germany by a physician and a biochemist [redacted]

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[redacted] Representatives of AG4/CIS, [redacted] visited the Division and consulted with the Branch Chiefs relative to the revision of certain DD/P requirements.

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11. Commendations:

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From Chief, HQM/OIS, for the valuable monthly scheduled surveys of the French newspaper L'Information prepared by [REDACTED]

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From Chief, Contact Division, for assistance rendered by [REDACTED] in arranging a survey by which the usefulness of certain Norwegian-language material was determined.

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From [REDACTED] appreciation for the valuable compilation of Chinese source material exploited by FDD.

12. Liaison activities (other than CIA)

Department of State

With Division of Functional Intelligence, Mr. Bernard Morris, to discuss program guidance matters affecting FDD's scheduled Eastern Europe reports.

With Division of Research for Far East, Mr. William Hamilton, to discuss coverage of Thailand in the FDD scheduled report on continental Southeast Asia.

With Division of Research for USSR and Eastern Europe, Mr. Andor Klay and staff, to discuss relative priorities of State requirements on Hungarian political and sociological information.

Department of the Army

With Intelligence, 1st Lt. William T. Herlihy, to discuss program guidance for FDD military reporting on Romania and Albania.

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13. Special services rendered:

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For NE/5, [REDACTED] rendered linguistic assistance on Afghan material.

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Also for NE/5, [REDACTED] identified Hindi and Moslem titles and names for an operational project.

OIR -- Translated captions and texts for use in an exhibit of Czech propaganda posters.

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For Language and External Training School, [REDACTED]
tested personnel for proficiency in spoken French

ORR -- For Economic Intelligence Committee. A list was prepared
of economic reports produced by FDD in the second half of 1955. The
list will be published in the next EIC report on Economic Research
Projects on the Soviet Bloc.

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Comm -- Performed reverse translation, English to Turkish, of
a three-page document on fingerprint coding

JCR -- For Graphics Register several Chinese Communist propaganda
films were monitored.

Also for Graphics Register monitored selected sound tracks
of East German films.

4. Significant Reports:

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[REDACTED] Development of Party Policy in Romania, August
1953-December 1955 (FDD analyst with 30 years' experience [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] domestic policy during period of
'New Course.')

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FDD Summary No. 715 -- Postwar Capital Investment in the USSR
and European Satellites. (A collation from over [REDACTED] sources containing
everything available to date on the subject.)

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[REDACTED]

FDD Translation No. 504 -- People's Practical Economic
Dictionary: Labor in China. (Tenth and last in a basic reference
series covering the various economic sectors of Communist China.)

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[REDACTED] Changes in Location of Institutes of Academy of
Sciences USSR (Beijing encyclopedia briefing on changes in Moscow.)

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[REDACTED] - Present Status of Problems of Blood Substitutes,
Therapy of Burns, and Radiation Sickness [REDACTED]

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Enclosures: 2

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1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details on Personnel Actions